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PANEL DISPLAYS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Introduction

This is in response to the Office Action dated 07/16/2003. The Office Action set a 1-month shortened statutory term to respond, which term ends on Aug. 16, 2003 (a Saturday). This paper is in response to that Office Action.

Claims 39-40, 50, 73-76, and 79-145 are currently pending in the present application. The Office Action subjected these claims to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Restriction Requirement groups the claims as follows:

- "I. Claims 39-40, 73-76, and 79-114, drawn to a composite electronic device. classified in class 428, subclass 457+.
- Π. Claims 50 and 115-145, drawn to a method of producing an electronic device. classified in class 42, subclass 58+."

Additionally, the Office Action required an election between the species of: a light emissive device, plastic flat panel display, a liquid crystal display, organic light emitting device, a field emission device, and an electroluminescent device.

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Applicant hereby elects Group I, i.e., article claims 39-40, 73-76, and 79-114.

Election

Applicant hereby elects the "light emissive device" species. Of the elected claims (see above), those that are readable on this species include claims 79-101 (generic), 104, 105-107 (sub-species of specific light emissive devices), 108 (generic), and 110-114 (generic),

Conclusion

Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested. No fees are believed to be due by submission of this paper. If this belief is in error, please charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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